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DRYAS INTEGRIFOLIA
ENTIRE LEAVED AVENS

Entire-leaved Avens is a mat-forming shrub with prostrate stems that bear naked flower stems up to 10 cm high and arise from leaf clusters. The leaves have short stalks and lance-shaped blades that are 8-15 mm long with margins that are turned under and entire on the upper half. The upper leaf surface is glabrous, while the lower surface is densely covered with white hairs, but glands are absent. The solitary, saucer-shaped, white flowers have a glandular, 5-lobed calyx and 8-10 spreading, elliptic petals that are ca. 1 cm long. There are numerous stamens and styles. The latter become feathery and 2-4 cm long as the achenes mature. Flowering in July.

The more common *D. OCTOPETALA* VAR. *HOOKERIANA* is similar, but the leaves have wavy margins to the tip, are broadest near mid-length, and have light brown glands mixed in with the white hair on the undersides of the leaves.